

10 CFR chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment.

A notice of consideration of issuance of amendment to facility operating license or COL, as applicable, proposed no significant hazards consideration determination, and opportunity for a hearing in connection with these actions, was published in the **Federal Register** on January 30, 2019 (84 FR 496). No comments were received during the 30-day comment period.

The Commission has determined that these amendments satisfy the criteria for categorical exclusion in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared for these amendments.

#### IV. Conclusion

Using the reasons set forth in the combined safety evaluation, the staff granted the exemptions and issued the amendments that SNC requested on November 29, 2018. The exemption and amendment were issued on April 9, 2019, as part of a combined package to SNC (ADAMS Accession No. ML19018A130).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of April 2019.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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#### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 52-025 and 52-026; NRC-2008-0252]

#### Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.; Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 3 and 4, Editorial and Consistency Changes

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory  
Commission.

**ACTION:** Exemption and combined  
license amendment; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is granting an exemption to allow a departure from the certification information of Tier 1 of the generic design control document (DCD) and is issuing License Amendment Nos. 158 and 156 to Combined Licenses (COL), NPF-91 and NPF-92. The COLs were issued to Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., Georgia Power Company, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, MEAG Power SPVM, LLC,

MEAG Power SPVJ, LLC, MEAG Power SPVP, LLC, and the City of Dalton, Georgia (collectively SNC); for construction and operation of the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4, located in Burke County, Georgia.

The granting of the exemption allows the changes to Tier 1 information asked for in the amendment. Because the acceptability of the exemption was determined in part by the acceptability of the amendment, the exemption and amendment are being issued concurrently.

**DATES:** The exemption and amendment were issued on April 11, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2008-0252 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2008-0252. Address questions about NRC docket IDs to Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301-287-9127; email: [Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document. The request for the amendment and exemption was submitted by letter dated November 20, 2018 (ADAMS Accession No. ML18324A823).

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Kallan, Office of New Reactors, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-2809; email: [Paul.Kallan@nrc.gov](mailto:Paul.Kallan@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Introduction

The NRC is granting exemptions from paragraph B of section III, "Scope and Contents," of appendix D, "Design Certification Rule for the AP1000," to part 52 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), and issuing License Amendment Nos. 158 and 156 to COLs, NPF-91 and NPF-92, to SNC. The exemptions are required by paragraph A.4 of section VIII, "Processes for Changes and Departures," appendix D, to 10 CFR part 52 to allow SNC to depart from Tier 1 information. With the requested amendment, SNC proposes to depart from Tier 2 information in the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (which includes the plant-specific DCD Tier 2 information) and involves related changes to plant-specific Tier 1 (and associated COL Appendix C) information, and COL Appendix A, Technical Specifications. Specifically, these changes are editorial in nature to promote consistency within the licensing basis.

Part of the justification for granting the exemptions was provided by the review of the amendments. Because the exemption is necessary in order to issue the requested license amendment, the NRC granted the exemptions and issued the amendments concurrently, rather than in sequence. This included issuing a combined safety evaluation containing the NRC staff's review of both the exemption request and the license amendment. The exemptions met all applicable regulatory criteria set forth in sections 50.12, 52.7, and section VIII.A.4 of appendix D to 10 CFR part 52. The license amendments were found to be acceptable as well. The combined safety evaluation is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML19057A418.

Identical exemption documents (except for referenced unit numbers and license numbers) were issued to SNC for VEGP Units 3 and 4 (COLs NPF-91 and NPF-92). The exemption documents for VEGP Units 3 and 4 can be found in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML19057A414 and ML19057A415, respectively. The exemption is reproduced (with the exception of abbreviated titles and additional citations) in Section II of this document. The amendment documents for COLs NPF-91 and NPF-92 are available in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML19057A416 and ML19057A417, respectively. A summary of the amendment documents is provided in Section III of this document.

## II. Exemption

Reproduced below is the exemption document issued to VEGP Units 3 and Unit 4. It makes reference to the combined safety evaluation that provides the reasoning for the findings made by the NRC (and listed under Item 1) in order to grant the exemption:

1. In a letter dated November 20, 2018, SNC requested from the Commission an exemption from the provisions of 10 CFR part 52, appendix D, section III.B, as part of license amendment request (LAR) 18–027, “Editorial and Consistency Changes.”

For the reasons set forth in Section 3.2, “Evaluation of Exemption,” of the NRC staff’s Safety Evaluation, which can be found in ADAMS under Accession No. ML19057A418, the Commission finds that:

A. The exemption is authorized by law;

B. the exemption presents no undue risk to public health and safety;

C. the exemption is consistent with the common defense and security;

D. special circumstances are present in that the application of the rule in this circumstance is not necessary to serve the underlying purpose of the rule;

E. the special circumstances outweigh any decrease in safety that may result from the reduction in standardization caused by the exemption; and

F. the exemption will not result in a significant decrease in the level of safety otherwise provided by the design.

2. Accordingly, SNC is granted an exemption from the certified DCD Tier 1 information, with corresponding changes to Appendix C of the Facility Combined License, as described in the licensee’s request dated November 20, 2018. This exemption is related to, and necessary for the granting of License Amendment No. 158 [for Unit 3, 156 for Unit 4], which is being issued concurrently with this exemption.

3. As explained in Section 5.0, “Environmental Consideration,” of the NRC staff’s safety evaluation (ADAMS Accession No. ML19057A418), this exemption meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment needs to be prepared in connection with the issuance of the exemption.

4. This exemption is effective as of the date of its issuance.

## III. License Amendment Request

By letter dated November 20, 2018, SNC requested that the NRC amend the COLs for VEGP, Units 3 and 4, COL

NPF–91 and NPF–92. The proposed amendment is described in Section I of this **Federal Register** notice.

The Commission has determined for these amendments that the application complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission’s rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission’s rules and regulations in 10 CFR chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment.

A notice of consideration of issuance of amendment to facility operating license or COL, as applicable, proposed no significant hazards consideration determination, and opportunity for a hearing in connection with these actions, was published in the **Federal Register** on January 31, 2019 (84 FR 808). No comments were received during the 30-day comment period.

The Commission has determined that these amendments satisfy the criteria for categorical exclusion in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared for these amendments.

## IV. Conclusion

Using the reasons set forth in the combined safety evaluation, the staff granted the exemption and issued the amendment that SNC requested on November 20, 2018.

The exemptions and amendments were issued on April 11, 2019, as part of a combined package to SNC (ADAMS Accession No. ML19057A412).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of April, 2019.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Submission for Review: Certification of Qualifying District of Columbia Service

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel  
Management.

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice and request for  
comments.

**SUMMARY:** Retirement Services, Office of  
Personnel Management (OPM) offers the  
general public and other federal  
agencies the opportunity to comment on

a reinstatement with change of an  
expired information collection RI 20–  
126, Certification of Qualifying District  
of Columbia Service under Section 1905  
of Public Law 111–84.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and  
will be accepted until May 30, 2019.  
This process is conducted in accordance  
with 5 CFR 1320.1.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are  
invited to submit written comments on  
the proposed information collection to  
the Office of Information and Regulatory  
Affairs, Office of Management and  
Budget, 725 17th Street NW,  
Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk  
Officer for the Office of Personnel  
Management or sent via electronic mail  
to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) or  
faxed to (202) 395–6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A  
copy of this ICR, with applicable  
supporting documentation, may be  
obtained by contacting the Retirement  
Services Publications Team, Office of  
Personnel Management, 1900 E Street  
NW, Room 3316–L, Washington, DC  
20415, Attention: Cyrus S. Benson, or  
sent by email to [Cyrus.Benson@opm.gov](mailto:Cyrus.Benson@opm.gov)  
or faxed to (202) 606–0910 or reached  
via telephone at (202) 606–4808.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As  
required by the Paperwork Reduction  
Act of 1995, (Pub. L. 104–13, 44 U.S.C.  
chapter 35) as amended by the Clinger-  
Cohen Act (Pub. L. 104–106), OPM is  
soliciting comments for this collection.  
The information collection was  
previously published in the **Federal  
Register** on November 28, 2018 at  
Volume 83 FR 61174 allowing for a 60-  
day public comment period. No  
comments were received for this  
information collection. The purpose of  
this notice is to allow an additional 30  
days for public comments. The Office of  
Management and Budget is particularly  
interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed  
collection of information is necessary  
for the proper performance of the  
functions of the agency, including  
whether the information will have  
practical utility;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the  
agency’s estimate of the burden of the  
proposed collection of information,  
including the validity of the  
methodology and assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and  
clarity of the information to be  
collected; and

4. Minimize the burden of the  
collection of information on those who  
are to respond, including through the  
use of appropriate automated,  
electronic, mechanical, or other  
technological collection techniques or